

Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to require their stations to air a partisan, anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Public airwaves should remain public - not vehicles for private, partisan, politicking. That's what cable is for!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. The FCC should be scrutinizing Sinclair Broadcasting and all other conglomerates to determine if they are serving the public interest or undermining it. And if they are underserving the public interest, they should LOSE THEIR LICENSES! Thank you.